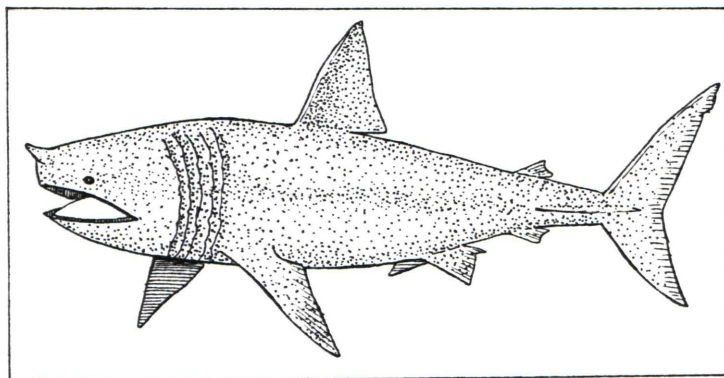


BEHEMOTH:

- Loch Ness: On May 23, 1987, the German TV station ARD broadcasted a programme for children about Loch Ness, called "Nessie". It was of the boring kind of children's adventure story, no documentary. A boy and his father visited the loch and interviewed local people and researchers, among them Shine. They mentioned that the crew of the trawler "Vic 32" had seen the monster on three different occasions. The film was by Margit Wagner, produced by the Bayerischer Rundfunk.
- Loch Ness: Early in March 1987, a monster was seen by Dr Ayles and his wife off Foyers. They saw a black, cylindrical object in the middle of the loch. They think it was a headneck. (Nessletter 81)
- Frankfurt, Germany: An out-of-place crocodile was found in a box in the middle of June 1987. It was 80 cm long. (Rheinpfalz, 15.6.87)
- Hungary: Hungarian fishermen caught a giant fish at Paks, in the south of the country. The union's newspaper, "Nepszava" reported that a 10-ft sturgeon got entangled in their nets in the Danube. The fish was transported to Budapest Zoo, but it did not survive the journey. Similar catches, in previous times, were believed to be freshwater-snakes; see my article in Fortean Times 46, on p.59. Source for this recent report is Sonntag Aktuell, May 31, 1987, p.56a.
- A bibliography of recent articles on lake monsters: On Lake Hanas in Science Frontiers 51; on Champ, Nessie and Memphre, in Champ Channels 1/87; on Lake Tianchi, Pursuit 75, p.140. China im Aufbau, April 1987, p.24, mentions myth of a Lake Tianchi (Heaven's Lake) in the province of Xinjiang, but this must be a different lake.

LEVIATHAN:

- Morgawr: Morgawr, the Cornish monster from Falmouth, is back. According to Doc Shiels, in Nessletter 81, BBC Radio Cornwall reported in late February that a long-necked seaserpent had been spotted by a lady off Newquay. This is one of the few reports of Morgawr from the north coast of Cornwall. Can we expect a new wave of sightings?
- Italy: I now have a translation of the original article about the monstrous shark off Rimini. (Corriere della Sera, 28 Sept 1986, p.6): it was observed by people from board of the ship "Gatto Nero". A young man from Faro, Mr. Priccinetti, has a video-tape of the creature. A captain, Mr. Sancisi, had the monster on his lines, but it escaped. I still think a stray basking shark fits the description. (See illustration).



KRAKEN:

- New Zealand: In the Calypso Log, the magazine of the Cousteau Foundation, it was reported, in February 1987, that the crew of the Calypso observed a giant octopus at Auckland. It was later revealed that the crew had filmed an ordinary octopus, the report was a hoax.

USO:

- Sweden: There is no end to the Skandinavian soap-opera of alleged Soviet submarines. Early in June, the Swedish navy again hunted for "a submarine of unidentified nationality" in their territorial waters. They had no success. It is probably only a matter of time until USOs substitute UFOs in the columns of tabloid newspapers. (Die Rheinpfalz, June 6, 1987, p.2e)

UFOS AND THE SEA:

- China: China im Aufbau (April 1987, pp. 25 & 26) has an article about UFOs in China and Taiwan. There have been 2000 reports from 1978 to 1986 alone (this can't mean unidentifieds, but all reports, I suppose). They quote six reports - two over lakes! The first from the 11th century when a friend of Shen Kuo (1031 - 1095) observed a pearl-like object illuminating a lake from above, and one from July 24 (fine date for UFOs!), 1981, when Liu Kuanxing photographed a UFO over the Longyang Reservoir in Qinghai province. The pictures show only a diffuse of light.
- Italy: Signor Ugo C. observed six UFOs over the sea at Ancona on the Adriatic coast. More details in Flying Saucer Review 32/3,p.28.

MARINE LIFE:

- Sharks: A general report about sharks vs. man in Arab News, 21. May 87,p.5. That sharks like submarine cables in the Atlantic, and why this may be so, see Rheinpfalz, Süddeutsche Zeitung and Rhein Zeitung, all 13. June 1987.
- Crocodiles: Still more Life-Imitating-Art after Crocodile Dundee: 1) An Australian fought off a crocodile that attacked him. Ron Dunham was snorkeling off Piru in the Solomon Islands on April 24 when he was attacked by a 10 ft saltwater croc. He escaped after a three minute fight. (Arab News, 26.Apr 87,p.12) 2) The Arab News, 28. May 87,p. 12f, reports that crocs put into a reservoir at Neyhar Dam near Trirandrum, Kerala State, India, 5 years ago, have become a menace. 30 young crocs were put into the lake, now they have grown and have bitten several people. 3) A OOP-croc from Germany, see Behemoth.
- Whales: Japan, though officially they have put an end to their whaling industry, still hunt these magnificent creatures, though now illegally, Greenpeace has revealed. (Süddeutsche Zeitung, 5. June 87)
- Turtle: A giant turtle caught in the Taiwan Strait was released again. (Free China Journal, 11. May 87,p.3e)
- Mass Death: On the shores of Tamil Nadu State in Sth. India, an area of 8 km length was covered by dead fish. No reason for this mass death could be found. (Rheinpfalz, 14. May 87)

GENERAL STUFF:

- According to polls conducted in California, Texas and Connecticut at universities, many young Americans believe in ghosts, flying saucers, Bigfoot and Atlantis. (Mannheimer Morgen, 30.Apr 87,p.3e)
- The Times, May 11, 87,p.15ab, has an interesting note about the unreliability of eyewitnesses according to recent scientific investigations.

DINOSAURS:

I've collected a number of dinosaur-articles, which I'll list here briefly: 1) American palaeontologist Peter Dodson has discovered a new, 3-horned dinosaur in Montana. It is called Avaceratops lammersi and had a length of 2 m. (Rheinpfalz, 28. Mrch 87) 2) In New Mexico, remains of the largest dinosaur have been discovered. His name is Seismosaurus, and was presented by David Gillette to the public. (Sonntag Aktuell, 10. Aug 1986, p.6) 3) A report about the now famous theory that a large meteor caused the extinction of the dinosaurs in the Rheinpfalz, 27. March 87. 4) From the New York Times (Aug 26, 1986, C1), sent to me by Joe Zarzynski, a report about dinosaur's care for their young.

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